

# Missouri Department of Conservation

## Logger of the Year Award

The Missouri Department of Conservation recognizes that there are many loggers scattered throughout the state that are doing an outstanding job in their timber harvesting operations and deserve recognition. In 2006, MDC created the *Missouri Department of Conservation Logger of the Year Award*.

Awards are given annually to loggers who have demonstrated good working relationships with landowners and foresters, caused minimal damage to remaining trees and resources on the harvest site, used best management practices to prevent soil erosion, have the desire to address wildlife management concerns, and use proper forest management techniques.

### Award Criteria

Criteria for choosing award recipients include:

- Must be a logger operating in Missouri.
- Must have completed the [\*Professional Timber Harvester's Training Program\*](#) sponsored by the Missouri Forest Products Association and be current with the qualifications (or equivalent training if the logger is an out of state resident.)
- Must be practicing sustainable forest management, have good forest product utilization, and are implementing best management practices.
- Must have low residual tree damage on their harvests.
- Must be practicing safe work habits and preferably using all the safety equipment.
- Must have no recent complaints or issues working with landowners and foresters on timber sales.

### Award Categories

The award is given at two levels: regional and state.

The *Regional Logger Award* is chosen from each MDC region (one award issued per region) and the loggers must be nominated by a professional forester. There are eight Regional awards given throughout the state.

The *State Logger of the Year Award* is selected from the winners of the Regional Logger Award based on the narratives and a review of the candidates' work areas.

**Award Recipients to Date** – *Click on the links below to learn more*

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